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Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 4939
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 09/674,971)
Filed: September 30, 2003)
For: METHOD FOR INSERTING AN)
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION)
IMPLANT HAVING A REDUCED)
WIDTH AND AN ANATOMICALLY)
CONFORMED TRAILING END)
(as amended))

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Sir:

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated August 12, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 29-49 drawn to Species 1, Fig. 6B and Species A, Figs. 6C, 7A, and 7B. In addition, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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